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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Robert Ulrich et al.

Application No.: 09/853,650

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For: GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE
HAVING SOUND EFFECTS FOR
OPERATING CONTROL
ELEMENTS AND DRAGGING
OBJECTS

) **Mail Stop AF**

) Group Art Unit: 2174

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 2, 2004,
reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.
Claims 28, 32, 41, 43, and 53-79 are pending, with claims 28, 32, 41, 43, 53, 55, 57,
and 68 being in independent form.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowability of
claims 28, 32, 41, 43 and 55-79. However it is respectfully submitted that claims 53
and 54 are also distinct in their present form. The Examiner has failed to recognize
significant differences possessed by the presently claimed invention over the
documents relied upon in the Office Action.

At least in view of Applicants' arguments and for clarity of record,
reconsideration and restatement of the allowable subject matter is respectfully
requested, including a clear statement of reasons for allowability directed at least to
the features of claim 41, and claim 53.